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1. At 10 a.m. on 17 January 1951, a westbound train of 50 flatcars carrying pontoons passed through Frankfurt/Oder. Each pontoon was completely enclosed, was watertight, and had a threaded cap (Schraubverschluss) at its opening. [redacted] the train was bound for Eberswalde.

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2. On 19 January, a train of 40 flatcars with 80 pontoons was side-tracked at the Fuerstenwalde railroad station. The train had no locomotive and was guarded by Soviet sentries. (1)

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3. [redacted] one Kiselyev (fmu), commanding officer [redacted] in Saarow-Pieskow, requisitioned 20 flatcars and 4 boxcars for hauling reels of telephone wire. It was rumored that a long-distance telephone line of the Red Army was to be constructed from Saarow-Pieskow to the east. (2)

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4. On 24 January, 21 tank cars with special gasoline were en route from Bochlon to Rodenhausen via Angermunde. [redacted] (3)

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5. [redacted] flatcars have been pooled in Frankfurt/Oder since 31 January and dispatched empty toward Brest Litovsk at a rate of one train per day. (4)

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6. Between 1 and 4 February, the following military shipments [redacted] observed at, the Frankfurt/Oder marshaling yard:

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Shipment	From-To and Date	Dispatcher	Consignee
One empty boxcar, two empty gondola cars, and 19 empty flatcars	Frankfurt/Oder to Fuerstenwalde 1 February	-	-

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<u>Shipment</u>	<u>From-To and Date</u>	<u>Dispatcher</u>	<u>Consignee</u>	
Fourteen boxcars with ammunition	Brest Litovsk to Finow 1 February	-	-	
Three boxcars with ammunition; [redacted]	Brest Litovsk to Bad Saarow 1 February	-	-	25X1
Twenty-four tank cars with military fuel; [redacted]	Brest Litovsk to Velten 1 February	-	-	25X1
Three empty boxcars, three empty gondola cars, and 8 empty flatcars	Frankfurt/Oder to Fuerstenwalde 2 February	-	-	
Four boxcars with military goods	Frankfurt/Oder to Fuerstenberg 2 February			
One tank: [redacted]	Frankfurt/Oder to Eberswalde 2 February			25X1
One boxcar with glycerine	Brest Litovsk to Velten 2 February			
Three boxcars with military goods	Brest Litovsk to Bornau 2 February			
Seven boxcars with military goods; [redacted]	Brest Litovsk to Velten 2 February			25X1
One boxcar with military goods	Frankfurt/Oder to Fuerstenwalde 3 February			25X1
One boxcar with military goods	Frankfurt/Oder to Bad Saarow 3 February			
One tank	Eberswalde to Fuerstenwalde 3 February			
Two boxcars with paper	Bruecknainichen to Fuerstenwalde 3 February			
Six boxcars with military goods	Brest Litovsk to Frankfurt/Oder 3 February			
Twelve empty locomotive brigade cabooses	Frankfurt/Oder to Hoyerswerda 3 February			

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<u>Shipment</u>	<u>From-To and Date</u>	<u>Dispatcher</u>	<u>Consignee</u>	
Empty shuttle train of 18 boxcars	Frankfurt/Oder to Kuestrin 3 February			25X1
Eleven boxcars with military goods	Frankfurt/Oder to Satzkorn 4 February			
Twenty-one boxcars with flour	Frankfurt/Oder to Jueterbog-Altes Lager 4 February			
Two boxcars and three flatcars with field kitchens	Frankfurt/Oder to Magdeburg-Rothensee 4 February			
One truck	Brest Litovsk to Berlin-Koepenick 4 February		Diplomatic Mission of the U.S.S.R.	
One tank car with military fuel;	Brest Litovsk to Velten 4 February			25X1
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7. Shipments observed at the Frankfurt/Oder railroad station [redacted] between 28 January and 5 February included:

a. At 2 p.m. on 28 January, three tanks and one track-laying vehicle were loaded on flatcars and material in two boxcars of a train which left for Lieberose at 10:30 p.m. The material had been hauled to the station on trucks [redacted]. The same shipment returned to Frankfurt/Oder at 7 a.m. on 3 February and was unloaded. 25X1

b. At 1:30 p.m. on 29 January, 30 boxcars loaded with troops and baggage which had been hauled to the station on truck [redacted] left toward Cottbus. The boxcars returned empty on 2 February. 25X1

c. On 30 January, a train of six boxcars loaded with soldiers and four flatcars carrying tanks left toward Cottbus. (6)

d. On 3 February, a train of 22 boxcars was loaded with troops and baggage and left for an unidentified destination. 25X1

8. On 3 February, the AAA unit from the Artillerie Kaserne, Frankfurt/Oder, left toward Lieberose by road. [redacted] 25X1

9. At 8:40 a.m. on 5 February 1951, a westbound train of about 60 railroad cars passed through Frankfurt/Oder proceeding to an unknown destination. The train carried an unidentified number of 18 to 20-year-old soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. (8) 25X1

[redacted] Comments

(1) Since the main engineer depot of the GOFG is located in the former German engineer ordnance depot between Ketschendorf and Berkenbrueck, it is possible that the pontoons observed were either consigned to, or shipped out from, this depot. 25X1

(2) The main signal depot of the GOFG, [redacted] is located in Saarow-Pieskow. The construction of a long-distance telephone line was reported for the first time. [redacted] the Berlin-Moscow trunk lines cross the Oder River at Kuestrin or Kienitz-Gross-Neuendorf. 25X1

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[redacted] The present report confirms that the troops went to Lieberose, probably to hold short winter firing practice.

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- (7) The unit belongs to the unidentified AAA Div, probably the 32d, of the GOFG. All series reported belong to this division. Confirmation is required whether the unit actually went to Lieberose.
- (8) Possibly a single shipment of replacements arriving behind schedule or specialists, since they were repeatedly observed in Kuestrin and Frankfurt/Oder during the past two or three months. There is no reason to assume that this shipment should have been indicative of an incipient influx of recruits from the U.S.S.R. Such a movement would have required a prior assembly of empty shuttle trains, which has not been observed to date. The influx of recruits in the spring of 1950 did not begin before March.

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